

## **HEART COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: for the meeting of February 14, 2018**

### Committee Members Present:

Michele Giarusso, Chair	Tony Matteo	Ginger Robinson
Tracy Rogers, Secretary	Sue O'Reilly McRae	
Cheryl George	Jean Page	

### Others Present:

Debbie Lynangale, facilitator

### Committee Members Absent:

Joe Arsenault, Alan Genovese, Bob Keir, Bill Wahlstrom

### Called to Order

**The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.**

### Minutes

**Tony made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2018 meeting as written. Sue seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.**

### Updates

There was an article in The Recorder about the School Committee's recent budget meeting quoting a Bernardston selectman stating that "no other committee will be working on the District Agreement". Because of this, Sue asked for a review of the Agreement to be put on tomorrow night's School Committee agenda.

Sue put a blurb in the Warwick newsletter to recruit new members and will announce on the Town's listserv as well. Michele and Ginger attended the Leyden Selectboard meeting and asked if Richard had submitted a letter of resignation, which he had not. Ginger has someone else who might be interested once Richard formally resigns.

The Committee gave Cheryl the go ahead to start the Facebook page with the new logo.

### Reenvisioning Sustainable Rural Schools Event

The subcommittee presented a new draft agenda:

- 9:00 Meet & greet with tables for each group (BEST, HEART, etc.) having handouts about themselves
- 9:30 Ginger make opening remarks and introduce Paul. Paul introduce other legislators. Michele introduce speakers.
- 9:50 Sue – Rural Matters summary
- 10:10 Kevin Courtney – review 20/20 Vision
- 10:30 Legislative updates
- 10:50 Break
- 11:00 Buoniconti - Rural Schools Coalition proposal

11:20 Greg Snedeker – Revisiting State's foundation budget and c. 70  
11:40 ???

Goals for the day: relationship building, commitment to engage collaboratively to work on the problem in as concrete a way as possible, building a common understanding of the barriers and the history, discussing initial thoughts on how to remove those barriers.

Sue will email her presentation to group for feedback and will create a handout about HEART for the event.

Tracy will ask Bob if he's willing to monitor the HEART Gmail account. Tracy will monitor until Bob confirms. Michele will help answer questions that people send in.

#### Request for Proposals for Study Consultant

Tracy reported that she and Willie hosted the bidders' conference today. There were six bidders. The Committee agreed to read the proposals and decide who to interview during its 3/14 meeting and hold the interviews during its 3/28 meeting.

#### Operating Agreement

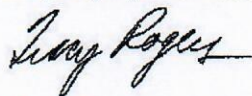
Debbie instructed everyone to be prepared to work through it during the next meeting in order. Reminder: in the marked up version of the document Tracy sent out, everything from the ground rules section and below are Tracy's suggestions, not suggestions the Committee has discussed or agreed upon. Members should feel free to use track changes to make your own suggestions and send out a version to the Committee prior to the next meeting.

#### Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 6:30 p.m. at the Northfield Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.**

*Respectfully submitted,*



Tracy Rogers